

GUGGENHEIM SENTENCES

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In the word game Guggenheim, one selects five categories (colors, first names, cities, animals, etc.) and five random letters from the alphabet, then attempts to find examples of each category beginning with each letter. In this article, we use 25 different letters (all but X), and try to form parallel sentences, each one using words beginning with the same letter.

This game has not, to my knowledge, previously appeared in Word Ways; the closest analogue is a February 1999 kickshaw by Nyr Indictor in which he created an Alphabet of Eloquence: Abel was articulate in Afrikaans, Betty was bombastic in Bengali, Charles was chatty in Catalan... The only perfect example of this genre is found on page 2a of *Opperlans!* (Querido, 2003): Aartsvader Abrahams aardige aquamarijnen Audi avanceerde altijd abominabel, Brigitte Bardots beeldige blauwe Bentley buitelde bestendig bizar...

The examples below were extensively drawn from lists prepared in 2004 by Faith Eckler for a trivia game at Morris View (the Morris County NJ nursing home).

Austrian acrobat Alice adores avocados, acquires azure apron
 Bulgarian bowler Beatrice boils broccoli, buys blue brassiere
 Chinese canoeist Constance craves cantaloupe, creates crimson chemise
 Danish dancer Delia digests doughnut, dons dun dungarees
 Egyptian equestrienne Edith eats eggplant, eschews ecru earmuffs
 French figure-skater Flora fries fish, fashions fuchsia frock
 German gymnast Gretchen gathers grapes, grabs green gloves
 Hungarian hunter Henrietta heats hash, hems hazel housecoat
 Italian ice-skater Irene ingests ice-cream, irons indigo ihram
 Japanese jockey Jennifer judges jelly, jiggles jade jodhpurs
 Korean kibitzer Karen kneads kohlrabi, knots khaki kimono
 Lebanese linksman Lauren loathes liverwurst, labels lilac lingerie
 Mexican marathoner Matilda munches meatballs, makes mauve mittens
 Norwegian nimrod Natalie nibbles nectarines, nixes navy necklace
 Okinawan origamist Ophelia offers oatmeal, orders olive overalls
 Pakistani prizefighter Phyllis picks pineapples, purchases purple pantyhose
 Qatar quoits-player Queenie quarters quenelle, questions quartz quiver
 Russian runner Ruth roasts raisins, restyles red robe
 Swiss swimmer Samantha steams spinach, stitches silver sarong
 Turkish tumbler Thelma toasts tamales, trades tan tutu
 Ugandan umpire Ursula upchucks uglifruit, unbuttons ultramarine underwear
 Venezuelan vaulter Victoria vomits vinegar, view violet veil
 Welsh wrestler Wilhelmina warms watermelon, wears white wig
 Yugoslavian yachtsman Yvette yields yams, yanks yellow yarmulke
 Zambian zingara Zelda zizzles zwieback, zaps zaphara zucchetto

Alfred Anderson, Atlanta architect, admires amatory antelopes
 Basil Brown, Boston banker, breeds bilious buffalo

Charles Clarke, Chicago carpenter, catches clammy chipmunks
 Donald Davis, Detroit dentist, disdains dumb dachshunds
 Edward Evans, Elmira electrician, enjoys eager elephants
 Frank Foster, Frankfort farmer, feeds fretful ferrets
 George Green, Greensboro grocer, grabs greedy groundhogs
 Henry Harris, Houston horticulturist, houses hungry hyenas
 Isaac Ingram, Indianapolis innkeeper, inspects indisposed ibexes
 James Johnson, Jacksonville jeweler, jabs joyful jackals
 Kevin King, Kalamazoo knight, kidnaps kinky kangaroos
 Larry Lewis, Lansing librarian, loathes lithe lions
 Michael Miller, Miami musician, murders massive mice
 Nicholas Nelson, Newark notary, neuters nubbly nutrias
 Oliver Olson, Omaha optician, observes obese ocelots
 Paul Peterson, Philadelphia podiatrist, pursues plump porcupines
 Quentin Quinn, Queens quarterback, quiets querulous quarter-horses
 Ray Robinson, Rochester roofer, raises rotund rhinoceroses
 Stephen Smith, Sacramento surveyor, skins scrawny skunks
 Thomas Taylor, Topeka taxidermist, tracks toothless tigers
 Ulysses Underwood, Urbana undertaker, upsets untamed unicorns
 Victor Vasquez, Valdosta ventriloquist, visits vain voles
 Walter Williams, Wichita welder, watches worried whales
 Yuri Young, Yuma yeoman, yanks youthful yaks
 Zachary Zimmerman, Zanesville zookeeper, zonks zany zebras

No doubt most of these men really exist, although not in the given cities with the given occupations. Would anyone like to tackle X? (Perhaps words beginning ex- should be allowed, keeping the sentence phonetically correct.)